

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicants acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the office action dated November 21, 2006, and the completion of a personal interview conducted on January 24, 2007. The discussions therein, along with the Examiner's much appreciated observations and suggestions, are summarized and incorporated herein.

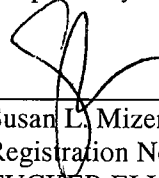
Claims 1-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0069272 to Kim et al.

By way of review, the subject application is directed to a system and method for monitoring configuration changes in a document processing device. A configuration change signal representative of a requested configuration change for an associated document processing device is received and a notification signal representative of the requested change is generated. Identifier data representative of contact information for at least one supervisor is stored in a storage means. Selection data representative of configuration changes for which administrative notification is desired is received and the request for the configuration change is tested against such selection data. A notification is directed to the at least one supervisor regarding the request for configuration change in accordance with an output of the testing of the selection data.

In contrast, no art of record teaches a mechanism by which specified configuration changes will trigger notification. As discussed during the interview, amendment has been made to each independent claim to emphasize the afore-noted distinctions. Accordingly, for the reasons note in the interview and summarized herein, it is submitted that all claims are patentably distinct over the art of record and in condition for allowance thereover. An early allowance all claims is respectfully requested.

If there are any fees necessitated by the foregoing communication, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0902, referencing our Docket No. 66329/00131.

Respectfully submitted,



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